

# TWENTY WERE DEAD

**From Suffocation in a Bad Fire Which Broke Out in a Chicago Hotel.**

**Many Jump for Their Lives**

**Only to be Picked Up On the Pavement Below in a Lifeless Condition or Perhaps Crippled for Life. Most of the Dead are Still to be Identified.**

CHICAGO, DEC. 4.—TWENTY-ONE PERSONS WERE SMOTHERED TO DEATH IN THEIR BEDS IN A FIRE WHICH STARTED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE LINCOLN HOTEL, 176 MADISON STREET, EARLY THIS MORNING. MOST OF THE DEAD WERE TAKEN FROM THE FOURTH FLOOR. IT IS PROBABLE OTHERS ARE DEAD. ONE MAN JUMPED FROM THE ROOF INTO THE ALLEY IN THE REAR AND WAS FATALLY INJURED. THE ORIGIN OF THE FIRE IS A MYSTERY. THERE WERE 125 PERSONS IN THE HOTEL. MOST OF THEM ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN STRANGERS HERE FOR THE STOCK SHOW. SCORES OF GUESTS HAD THRILLING ESCAPES. MANY JUMPED FROM THE FOURTH STORY.

FOURTEEN BODIES NOW AWAIT AT THE MORGUE TO BE IDENTIFIED. NONE WERE BURNED BUT

ALL DIED IN BED, SUFFOCATED BY SMOKE. THE HOTEL WAS A RESORT OF THE STOCKMEN AND FARMERS AND ALL WERE STRANGERS TO THE CITY. THE FIRE IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE CAUGHT FROM ESCAPING GAS IN ONE OF THE GUESTS' ROOMS ON THE SECOND FLOOR. ONE WOMAN, MRS. SHEPHERD, JUMPED FROM THE THIRD STORY TO THE ROOF OF THE ADJOINING BUILDING WITH A CHILD IN HER ARMS. THOUGH HURT, SHE WILL LIVE. MANY OTHERS ESCAPED BY JUMPING THROUGH WINDOWS. THE MONEY LOSS DOES NOT EXCEED \$4,000.

THE BODY OF H. K. WOOD, OF LEBANON, IND., HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED.

AMONG THE FIVE DEAD ALREADY IDENTIFIED IS W. H. COREY, A MAIL CLERK OF RICHMOND, KY.

# WHILE OUT SHOOTING

**The United States Minister at Tokio was Stricken**

**And Before Assistance Could Reach Him He was Dead. He Had Been in the Federal Service for Over Five Years.**

Washington, Dec. 4.—Japanese Minister Takahira called at the state department this afternoon and informed Secretary Hay that he had received a dispatch announcing the death of Alfred E. Buck, United States minister at Tokio. The dispatch stated that the minister had suddenly fallen dead while out shooting ducks from a boat. Mr. Buck was appointed minister to Japan, April 13th, 1897. He was a native of Maine, but was residing in Georgia at the time of his appointment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Was Taken Today Until Next Monday Morning.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Immediately upon assembling today the senate agreed that when adjournment was taken today, it be until Monday. Mr. Beveridge, chairman of the senate committee on territories, sent to the desk and had read, a lengthy telegram from the Non Partisan single statehood convention held in Oklahoma City yesterday, embodying a resolution adopted by the convention, favoring the creation of a state from Oklahoma and Indian Territories and opposing the passage of an omnibus statehood bill.

# MOTHERS CONGRESS.

Columbus, O., Dec. 4.—Drawn together by their common desire to develop better parenthood, childhood and home life, representative men and women have gathered in Columbus from many parts of the state to take part in the proceedings of the first Ohio Congress of Mothers. The congress began its sessions today and will continue through tomorrow. Prominent among the participants are Dr. Starr Cadwalader, of Cleveland, Dr. Washington Gladden, of Columbus, and President Thompson, of Ohio State University.

**Grain Market.**

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Closing December wheat 73 1-8; corn 54 1-2; oats 30 1-2; pork 16 3-8.

# PLUMS AWARDED.

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt sent the following nomination to the senate today:

To be consul-general of the United States at Canton, China, Robert M. Wade, of Pennsylvania (now consul).

To be interstate commerce commissioner, Martin A. Knapp, of New York (reappointment).

To be secretary of legation of United States at Monrovia, Liberia, George W. Ellis, of Kansas.

**Live Stock Market.**

East Liberty, Dec. 4.—Cattle light, steady; hogs liberal, active; sheep light, firm.

# SEEK CONTROL

**Of the Halibut Industry of This Country.**

Boston, Mass., Dec. 4.—The Atlantic Halibut company of Gloucester, which is interested in the halibut fisheries of the Pacific, has decided to increase its Western business, with an idea of controlling the trade in Western fish in the Eastern markets. The International Fish company has just been organized for this purpose. The plans provide for the building of many additional steamers to fish for halibut in the Pacific.

# AGAINST SALOONS.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 4.—Upon the referendum vote that is being taken today in Ontario, will depend the fate of the prohibition law in the province. The various temperance organizations, aided by the Presbyterians and Methodists, have waged an active campaign and hopes are expressed that as a result of the balloting, every bar room in Ontario will be forced to close its doors.

# WANT GOLD STANDARD.

Washington, Dec. 4.—A determined effort will be made at this session of congress to provide a gold standard for the Philippine Islands, substantially along the lines provided by the Philippine bill as it passed the house at the last session on account of the fall in the price of silver, which has brought serious loss to the Philippine government as well as to American contractors doing business with the islands.

# ENGINEER KILLED.

Coshocton, O., Dec. 4.—At 2:30 this morning, a Pan Handle work train and T. W. V. & O. engine and caboose ran together one mile east of Coshocton. Engineer Vee, of Toledo was killed and seven trainmen hurt. Conductor Armstrong, of Columbus, was badly cut. The cause of the accident is not yet placed.

**Patriot Honored.**

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 4.—The Kosciuszko Monument association announced today the close of the competition for design for the handsome monument which it is proposed to erect to the illustrious Polish patriot. It is intended to expend \$13,000 upon the monument.

# TOM REED IS BETTER.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Ex-Speaker Reed passed a good night and doctors hope, owing to the age and weight of Mr. Reed, that an operation will not be necessary.

# ARM BROKEN

**Son of J. J. White Sustains a Severe Injury.**

The 12 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. White, of 762 east Market street, had one of his arms fractured yesterday by falling from a bicycle.

# PURCELL

**Is Now at His Home and is Steadily Improving.**

Tom Purcell, the south side youth who was stabbed in a car-room fight night before last, was removed from the police station to the home of his father yesterday and he is reported to be resting well and improving steadily.

# FOUR

**Powerful Railroad Orders**

**Take Action**

**Toward an Increase in Employees Wages.**

**Chicago the Scene of the Skirmishing Before Real Battle Begins.**

**Demands Will Effect 170,000 Men, Who Want an Increase of from 10 to 20 Per Cent.**

Chicago, Dec. 4.—With the purpose of forming requests for increases from 10 to 20 per cent in the pay of 170,000 railroad employees, committees from four powerful labor organizations are now meeting in Chicago. They are holding daily sessions in four Chicago hotels and may be expected to present their demands to the railroad officials early next week. The four organizations represented by the committees are: Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, membership 41,000; Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, membership 47,000; Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, membership 60,000; Order of Railway Conductors, membership 22,000.

For the first time in eight years the four organizations are working in harmony and may be counted upon to stand together in the possibility of trouble with the railroads.

It is announced by members of the committees representing the organizations that requests for increases in pay will be made by the four organizations, from every railroad system in the middle northwest. Eastern railroads entering the city will be similarly dealt with.

The railroads are to be given one month to meet the demand made by the organizations. If by that time the roads shall fail to show a disposition to treat with the individual organizations and committees of their own men, concerted action will be taken.

The four organizations will send delegations to a national conference, which will meet in St. Louis January 5. Then the committees, which are now formulating new wage scales, will report upon the treatment that their requests have met with by the general managers of the railroads.

It is the general opinion that drastic action will be unnecessary. The railroad managers are showing a disposition to treat with committees of their own employees and the chances are that amicable adjustments of the wage question will be effected before the time comes to hold the St. Louis meeting.

While the committees have not yet decided upon the wage scale, it is known that increases demanded will range from 10 to 20 per cent. In some instances the increases have already been formulated.

# ELEVEN YEARS AGO.

New York, Dec. 4.—Russell Sage, the "dean of Wall street," today received the congratulations of his friends and business associates on the eleventh anniversary of his escape from death on Dec. 4, 1891, at the hands of a lunatic, who exploded dynamite in the ageu financiers office. On that day Henry Norcross, of Boston approached Mr. Sage and demanded several hundred thousand dollars, threatening unless it was immediately paid to drop on the floor a valise he carried and which he said was filled with dynamite. Mr. Sage did not produce the money promptly enough, and his visitor let the satchel fall. A terrible explosion occurred. Mr. Sage was practically unharmed, the mad visitor was blown into pieces, a clerk named Laidlow, was badly injured, and the office was wrecked. Afterward, Laidlow sued Mr. Sage, claiming that the financier used him as a shield. The case has been fought through many courts and is yet unsettled.

# CISSY LOFTUS

**Sailed for America Today and Will Join Sothern.**

London, Dec. 4.—Miss Cecilia Loftus sailed for New York today to rejoin E. H. Sothern's company, in which she is to play Ophelia to Mr. Sothern's "Hamlet" and "Juliet" to his Romeo. Miss Loftus has been a member of Sir Henry Irving's company since leaving America last spring.

# TABBY IS SHOWN OFF.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 4.—The mewing of cats mingled with the loud crowing of cocks and the soft cooing of doves, in the discordant sounds that greeted the ears of the many visitors thronging the Gray's Armory today. The occasion was the opening of the big poultry and cat show for which preparations have been going forward for several months. The show is in all respects the largest and most notable affair of its kind ever held in this city. The entries number several thousand and embrace all varieties of domestic fowls, together with a choice assortment of high-class felines. The judging of exhibits commenced this morning, and will continue until the show closes the last of the week.

# LET OUT OF JAIL.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Major Estes G. Rathbone, former director of posts in Cuba, has arrived here to push his claims for vindication. Rathbone was tried by Cuban court, convicted and sentenced under president Palmas amnesty proclamation, he was released.

# TWO MEN KILLED.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 4.—While a car containing six men was being lowered into the Cranberry mine last night, the engineer lost control of the car, which struck the bottom with a terrific crash. Two men, Elmer Kirschner, a carpenter boss and Gustava Strack, a carpenter were instantly killed. Several others were severely injured. The men were sent into the mine to replace pumps removed during the recent strike.

# PHYSICIAN

**Called in to the Relief of Gardner.**

**Harrod Blacksmith Grew Worse and Guards Will be Placed Over Him.**

Dr. T. M. Weadock, the jail physician, was called in by sheriff Barr this afternoon to give some attention to Harry Gardner, who is referred to in the court columns as having developed a bad case of delirium tremens. Gardner became more violent as the day grew older and it was found necessary to lock him in a cell for fear of his assaulting the other two prisoners in one of his fits of madness.

When seen by a Times reporter, Gardner was crouched in a corner of his cell, on the cot fighting imaginary robbers, and calling loudly for help. He begged piteously to be released, but to grant his request was out of the sheriff's power and he was finally quieted by a dose of strong medicine. Although a blacksmith by trade and a big, brawny fellow, the objects which he conjures up in his delirium have made of an object coward of him. He is being watched over by Red Donahue and Michael Callahan, the only two prisoners now in jail, and if he is no better tonight, a guard will be placed over him. The sheriff has had one prisoner to die under similar conditions and he don't care to have it repeated.

**The Weather.**

Washington, Dec. 4.—Ohio, snow tonight and Friday; colder tonight and in southern portion Friday.

# CURSED BY DISEASE.

**The Royal House of the Romanoffs is Rapidly Falling Into Decay.**

**Prayers were Offered Today**

**By Loyal Russians for the Ultimate Recovery of the Heir Presumptive to the Throne, Who is Now Hovering on the Borders of Death.**

St. Petersburg, Dec. 4.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg says religious services were held there today in celebration of the birthday of the Czarowitz, who was born Nov. 22, O. S. (Dec. 4.) The services included thanksgiving for the Czarowitz' progress toward recovery, although as a matter of fact, those in a position to know, declare that the heir presumptive to the throne is afflicted with tuberculosis, and that the disease has reached an advance stage.

The announcement was made last August that the Czarowitz was engaged to marry the second daughter of Grand Duchess Anastasia, of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the Duchess Cecile Augustine Marie. It is regarded as a significant fact that no date has been set for the union, nor have any preparations been made for the event. To put it plainly the condition of the young Grand Duke is regarded as hopeless unless the climate of the Crimea should work a miracle. The pulmonary disorder with which he is suffering is complicated by a tendency to diabetes.

These diseases have worked frightful mischief among the collateral branches of the house of Romanoff and have already found shining marks in the ranks nearest the throne.

With the demise of the Czarowitz and the Czar without a son the diadem of the Romanoffs, the richest prize attainable by human ambition, would pass to the eldest uncle of the Czar, the Grand Duke Vladimir, who is in his fifty-fifth year.

Vladimir is in vigorous health, well educated and an experienced administrator. He has traveled over Europe and much of Asia. He was greatly esteemed by the late Czar and enjoys the confidence of the Dowager Czarina, who is the most influential figure among the reactionary forces that control the Russian councils. She and Vladimir have had many differences as to Russia's Asiatic programme and there was a brief estrangement, but cordial relations have been resumed.

Vladimir is very popular in Vienna and Paris. His manner is engaging and his handsome person is familiar to the boulevardiers. When visiting here, he has always gone about the city in an unconventional way and is altogether more democratic than any other member of the reigning family of Russia.

In a careful dispatch to his private St. Petersburg correspondent of the Politische Correspondent of this city says:

"Vladimir, while too strong a man to be dominated by the military party, has little sympathy with the political doctrines of Nicholas. He embodies the prudence of the Romanoffs, like all Russians, he is full of craft, but his tendencies are toward the fulfillment of Russia's so-called traditional mission, and the imperial scepter would be wielded by him with no special deference to that wise principle of abridgment of which Nicholas is the most illustrious exponent."

# VICTIM DIED IN HORRIBLE AGONY.

**Shopmates Played a Practical Joke Upon a Sixteen Year Old Boy.**

PATTERSON, N. J., DEC. 4.—HARRY WRIGHT, 16 YEARS OLD, DIED IN TERRIBLE AGONY IN THE GENERAL HOSPITAL HERE TODAY. HE WAS THE VICTIM OF A PRACTICAL JOKE, FIVE BOYS, SHOPMATES BLOWING HIM UP WITH AIR FROM AN AIR PUMP.

# HAD TWENTY DOLLARS SAVED AT ONE TIME.

**Testimony Before Strike Commission Shows Mining Not Very Profitable.**

Scranton, Dec. 4.—Andrew Matty, a miner employed by Cox Bros., was the first witness to take the stand before the strike commission this morning. He said that it took about 15 years to become a practical miner thoroughly acquainted with all departments of the work. Matty told of difficulties of securing care to load and that frequently he had to remain in the mines all day, and only receive one car. When asked if he had saved any money by mining, Matty answered promptly: "I had as much as twenty dollars in my pocket once."

# RECORDS BROKEN.

Pittsburg, Pa. Dec. 4.—All records in the history of furnace building will have been broken by the Carnegie Steel Company tomorrow, which is the day set for the blowing in of the new "J" furnace with the Edgar Thomson plant at Braddock. Work on the furnace was started less than three months ago. After it was burned by the company than none of the contract-

**Live Stock Market.**

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 4.—Cattle 5,000, active 10 to 20 cents higher; hogs 22,000, active 10 cents higher; sheep 16,000, 10 and 15 cents higher; but-

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THE TIMES DEMOCRAT

## SELL CHEAPLY ABROAD

Mr. Patterson Shows How the  
Trusts Exploit the People.

### THE PROTECTIVE TARIFF SWINDLE

American Manufacturers Who Sell  
Their Products in Foreign Markets  
for Considerably Less Than  
They Charge Home Consumers.  
How the Farmers are Rugged.

It has long been known that American manufacturers charged higher prices to domestic customers than to foreign customers. The Reform club of New York has repeatedly called attention to the glaring discrepancy between export and domestic prices. Naturally the protectionists have denied the truth of these facts and figures. The Republican leaders have come out formally and declared that all such charges against the patriotism of our cherished manufacturers are false and unworthy of belief by the patriotic citizens of this great land of freedom. But the fact remains that our manufacturers continue to sell for any price they can get abroad, while they exploit the consumers at home.

Mr. Patterson of Tennessee in a masterful speech in the house of representatives showed up the great burden and wrong of the protective tariff system. Mr. Patterson did not simply confine himself to giving comparisons of domestic and export prices. He gathered quotations from many sources, proving that it is the universal practice to make domestic prices exceed foreign prices from 10 to 100 per cent.

The American Machinist of Sept. 26, 1890, said:  
"Must we American manufacturers sell our machinery and other goods from 10 to 25 per cent cheaper in Europe than they will sell them to be sold at home is rather puzzling, but are we curious in the matter can easily enough find out that many of them do that. It may be necessary to cut prices in order to secure trade from abroad, but it is likely to strike the American purchaser as being a little rough on him."

The Engineering and Mining Journal of March 15, 1890, complained of the system as follows:

As soon as an industry has obtained a position where it can more than supply its home market and has to send its goods abroad where they compete with those of foreign manufacturers, it is evident that they are either giving the foreigners the benefit of lower rates than they do our own people or that they are able to get along at home without any protection from foreign manufacturers. It is not fair that our own people should be made to pay more than foreigners for the products of our own land."

In a letter to the Farmers' Call of Quincy, Ill., Mr. A. B. Farquhar, head of the Pennsylvania Agricultural works said:

"The fact is that our protective law is a monstrous swindle upon the agricultural community. As a manufacturer I was inclined to say nothing on the subject for the reason that it was natural to suppose if anybody was benefited it was the manufacturing class, to which I belong, but as I have explained, the farmer is being destroyed. We are killing the goose for the golden egg, and I honestly believe now that it is to the interest of the manufacturers themselves to eliminate the protective feature from our tariff laws."

"Certainly, as our manufacturers are sold much lower abroad, we could only need protection to get better prices from our customers at home. We do manufacture and sell in Canada, South America and Europe many agricultural implements and machines, and could we have free raw material and the commercial advantages which free trade would give us America would become the great manufacturing emporium of the world, and the farmer, of course, would share the prosperity, since he would have less to pay for everything and get better prices for all he sold. Go on with your good work. When the farmer begins to think and rise up against this swindle, it is destroyed."

The systematic plundering of the people by the trusts has been so outrageous that even the Republicans have had to evade the issue. The bureau of statistics, a department of the government designed to manufacture property and show the incalculable benefits of the protective system has recently published the volume on contributions. The protection prosperity makers have used to confuse the progress of work on ship for duty in the United States has been retarded because makers of steel materials require higher prices from the American consumers than from the foreign consumers for substantially similar products." It is also admitted that:

"American export platemakers are interested in preventing the establish-

ment of plate manufacturing in their customer nations abroad, and to that end bid low enough in foreign markets to discourage foreign nations from entering the field for production of their own plates at home." The same authority contends that this policy is "short-sighted" and shows how it is curtailing the home demand. Up to April 1900, it "had resulted in a very positive shrinkage in domestic consumption. Farmers had ceased to purchase barbed wire for wire fences. Retail hardware dealers had complained for months of diminished business in nails and wire. Jobbers had got in the way of doing a hard to mouth business on prices that had advanced from \$1.25 to \$3.20 in the course of a year." The writer goes on to say:

"If steel rails, for example, sell at Philadelphia for \$35 per ton for months in a row for home consumption while a foreign customer is purchasing them at \$22 to \$24 per ton, the domestic market is sure to order a quantity that it is obliged to have for a time being. In the long run such a policy is shortsighted, because it puts an embargo on the expansion of home industries in enterprises requiring iron and steel. It arrests constructive progress at home, while it stimulates construction abroad."

Our small manufacturers don't want protection, but most of them are afraid to speak their own minds through fear of the big trusts. Mr. F. A. Wilmot, president of the Wilmot & Hobbs Manufacturing company of Bridgeport, Conn., in a letter to the Iron Age said:

"We would suggest that you give due prominence to the position which the manufacturing associations in the various cities, particularly along the Atlantic seaboard and Canadian border and especially in New England, are taking as regards their present handicap in the cost of raw material, such as coal, coke, iron, steel ingots and billets, and their desire to have these commodities placed by congress immediately on the free list. They believe that as these materials are produced cheaper in this country than in any other portion of the world and are sold abroad at lower prices than along the seaboard and Canadian border the industries which produce them are no longer infant and do not need protection. They believe that protection, so called, is but another term for government assistance to monopolies and trusts. This position the government, as it now exists, can ill afford to assume, nor can it allow the people to feel that it is driving into a position where it is working hand in hand with gigantic trusts, for when the people realize such to be the condition they will undoubtedly rise in their might and by their votes change the conditions and the government which permits such conditions. It is to be hoped that the government of the United States will appropriate the position and make such changes in tariff regulations or duties from time to time as will result in putting upon the free list such commodities as do not further need protection on the score of their being infant industries."

The testimony of Mr. Charles M. Schwab before the industrial commission opened the eyes of many who had fondly believed the statements of Republican leaders extolling the patriotism and virtues of our manufacturers. Extracts from Mr. Schwab's testimony mean a great deal more than appears on the face of them, for his statements were in the nature of evidence incriminating himself and his companions. Naturally he did not show great enthusiasm to tell the whole truth. He knew very well that it was useless for him to deny the facts, so he attempted to diminish the size of the facts. He said in part:

"It is quite true that export prices are made at a very much lower rate than those here. I think you can safely say this, that where large export business is done—for example, in the line of iron and steel—nearly all the people from whom supplies are bought for that purpose give you a good price for the materials that go into export. Railroads will in some instances carry them a little cheaper for you, and so on all down the line. But labor, within my knowledge at least, has never been asked to work for a lower price for export material, so that labor benefits more by it than almost any other interest."

"Q. Is it a fact generally true of all exporters in this country that they do sell at lower prices in foreign markets than they do in the home market?"  
A. That is true, perfectly true."

The testimony of Mr. Byron W. Holt of the Reform club, New York, shows conclusively the way in which the American consumer is held up by the tariff protected trusts. Practically all our manufactured products are sold to foreigners for less than to Americans. This robbery must be stopped. The only way to stop it is by repealing the protective tariff.

The time has come in this great industrial strife when the protective tariff is a burden and not an aid. Our mastery of the world is assured when we enter the contest on equal terms and demand no undue advantage either at home or abroad. As we open our ports to competition so the ports of other countries will open to our advance, and new and various fields will present themselves. The rare skill of the American workman, the inventive genius of the American people and the immense capacity of a free labor force will win in a contest of fair exchange. The world to the uttermost part is the theater of our mighty activities. "Equal and exact justice to all, special privileges to none," is the sign by which we shall conquer.

Good Manners. The art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy is the best bred in the company.

Double Work. First Decorator—I advised him to have his home decorated during his wife's absence as a surprise.

Second Decorator—Good! Then we'll have to do it all over again when she gets back.—Life.

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She—Well, she's justified. There are six thousand girls, and the youngest of them must be at least thirty.

## BESTED THE PARSON.

A Case Where the Wedding Ring Went on the Right Hand.

A clerical correspondent of the London Express tells of a wedding ceremony in which he officiated and in his zeal for rubrical observances laid himself open to a comical and crushing rebuff.

"I was then curate of a small country parish in Somersetshire, and one day a couple presented themselves after due preliminaries for marriage in the village church.

"All went well until the moment came when it is directed by the rubric that the man shall place the ring upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, but then trouble began. The yokel, apparently from nervousness or ignorance, laid hold of the right hand of his expectant bride and placed the ring there resolutely.

"No," I said, with quiet firmness, "you must put the ring on her left hand." To this his only reply was a stolid stare. Thinking he had not understood me, I repeated my words, but with no better effect.

"With as much warmth and insistence as was justified by the occasion I now took firmer ground and said, 'If you do not put the ring on her left hand, I must stop the service.'

"And then the climax came. With a complacent smile, that seemed to show his satisfaction at having for the moment 'bested' the parson, the bridegroom settled the point for all time with the words, 'Please, sir, she ain't got none!'

How Billiards Were Invented.

The English are very fond of the game of billiards, and a letter in the British museum gives the origin of the sport. It was invented by a London pawnbroker, whose name was William Kew. Kew not only lent money, but he sold cloth, and for the latter purpose had a yard measure, with which he used to compute the amounts. One day to distract himself he took the three round balls which are the emblems of his trade—they may still be seen in front of certain shops in London—and, placing them on his counter, began to hit them about with his yard measure.

He found it made a pretty game. He got a kind of skill in making one ball glance off the other, and his friends who saw him thus employed called the game Bill's yard. It was soon shortened to billiards. But the yardstick was the instrument with which the balls were knocked about, and difficultly arose as to what to call it. They called it after the name of the pawnbroker—a Kew—Paris Figaro.

Ten Men and a Safe.

In the sublimation of one of our big life insurance companies is a safe so large that a theatrical company might perform therein. There are three doors the combinations of whose locks are controlled by ten men. Each man, a high official of the company, is an integral part of the integral whole. In instance, if one man is required to open the outer door, each knowing a fifth part of the entire combination and no more. A, having set the gatings in his combination, is followed in turn by B, C, D and E, when the bolt may be moved. In the same manner the second door is opened by three men in combination and the third by two. In the latter case each being in combination with one or more of the other eight on the outer and second doors. The safe is regarded as safe.—New York Press.

Breaking Glass.

The following is an easy method of breaking glass to any required form: Make a small notch by means of a file on the edge of a piece of glass; then make the end of a tobacco pipe or a rod of iron of about the same size red hot in the fire. Apply the hot iron to the notch and draw it slowly along the surface of the glass in any direction you please. A crack will be made in the glass and will follow the direction of the iron.

Embarrassing for the Professor.

Professor (to his class)—Gentlemen, I have to apologize for a short delay in beginning this lecture. I have unfortunately left my manuscript at home, but my boy, whom I have sent for it, will be here shortly.

Professor's Son (audibly)—Mother couldn't find the manuscript, so she has sent the book you copied it from.—New York Times.

Brown's Sympathy.

Jones—Charley fell from a street car last evening.

Brown—Oh, I'm awfully sorry! Jones—But he wasn't hurt at all.

Brown—I wasn't thinking about Charley. I was thinking of the sufferings of those who would be told about that fall for months to come.—Boston Transcript.

A Puzzler.

"Paw," said little Tommy Figg on being scolded, "I heard Mr. Watts say that great men's sons never did any good. I ain't a great man's son, am I?"

Up to a late hour Mr. Figg's mind had not found a sufficiently diplomatic answer.

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Montaguac, Kersey, Melton, Beaver and Cheviot Monte Carlo Coats, at \$18, \$20, \$22.50 and \$25.

## Special Suit Sale.

We still have a few small sizes in Walking and Dress Suits to close out quick, \$8.98, \$11.98 and \$12.98, worth double.

## Silk Skirt Bargains.

To clean up our stock, have reduced price on about a dozen Silk Skirts; former price \$12.50, \$15 and \$18. Sale price \$10.

One lot Peau de Soie and Taffeta Silk Skirts at \$12, worth up to \$20.

A very handsome line of Silk Skirts in Peau de Soie at \$15, worth up to \$30.

## New Skirts.

Just received a new lot of very handsome and elegant Skirts in etamine, basket

cloth and cheviot for the Christmas trade.

A very beautiful Dress Skirt in cheviot in the new cut at \$15.

Etamine Skirts in the latest style, very handsome, silk drop, at \$18.

Etamine and basket cloth Skirts in black only, silk drop, at \$25.

A new style Walking Skirt, box plait and very swell, blue, black and brown, at \$10.

## For Men. House Coats and Smoking Jackets.

Smoking Jackets in brown and garnet, trimmed with cord and stitching, \$5.

Oxford Smoking Jackets, black and white, trimmed, at \$5.

Navy, garnet and brown Smoking Jackets, a special good value, \$5.

Covert cloth Smoking Jackets, quilted, satin lined, at \$7.50.

Navy, brown and grey Smoking Coats in reversible cloth, plaid, trimmed, \$7.50.

Silk Mattasee cloth Smoking Coats \$10

Velour Smoking Jackets in Black, with white dots, silk lined, at \$12.50.

## Furs. Furs.

Some new Fur values in Isabella and Sable Fox Scarfs.

Isabella and Sable Fox at \$10.

Isabella and Sable Fox at \$12, worth \$18.

Isabella Fox at \$15 to \$18, very choice.



Dress  
Goods.

55-57 Public Square.

Suit  
House.



## Looking Shoeward?

Look Our Way and You'll not Regret it.

Tomorrow we call your attention to three  
Specials in Ladies Shoes.

A Swagger patent kind, non crackable, medium heavy extension soles, used to be \$3.50, Tomorrow \$2.48

## Here's Another One.

A Kid Shoe, just the thing for rainy weather, regular price \$2.50. Tomorrow they'll leave for \$1.95.

## Still Another

A very good Shoe at even \$2.00, but just to make them move faster, tomorrow only, \$1.48.

## The Wise Shoe Co.,

"Distributors of Good Shoes."  
Southeast Corner Public Square.

Lima, O.

## NOTICE OF NOMINATION.

The nominations for officers in the Tribe of Ben Hur, will be made Friday night, December 5th. All members of Lincoln Court are requested to be present in their hall at 7:30 sharp

THERE ARE STILL A FEW CHOICE SEATS LEFT FOR THE "LITTLE TYCOON," ON SALE AT THE BOX OFFICE.

There are still a few choice seats left for the "Little Tycoon," on sale at the box office

COON'S & CO. HAVE THEIR HOLIDAY OPENING, SATURDAY. TOYS BY THE THOUSANDS. thu&sat

The Woman's Culture Club will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. Wm. Craig, corner North and Elizabeth streets

THERE ARE STILL A FEW CHOICE SEATS LEFT FOR THE "LITTLE TYCOON," ON SALE AT THE BOX OFFICE.

## Attend.... Evening School

And prepare for a paying position by taking a course in

Bookkeeping,  
Penmanship,  
Arithmetic,  
Shorthand and  
Typewriting.

We are placing over three students a week without charge. 18 applications in November.

## Lima Business College.

### TOWNSEND FISH.

White, Bullhead, Trout,  
Pickers, Smelts, Perch,  
Herring, Oysters.















## OIL MARKET GOES UP THREE CENTS.

South Lima and Indiana Crude Jump Over the Dollar Mark.

They didn't expect it so many days in advance of December 25, but, as the unexpected frequently happens, the members of the oil producing fraternity received their Christmas present from the Standard Oil Company this morning.

South Lima and Indiana crude oil is now worth \$1.01 per barrel, the long hoped-for dollar mark for this production having been reached and passed at a single jump. The advance authorized by purchasing agent Joseph Seep, gave an increase of three cents per barrel on the production of all the fields, placing north Lima oil at \$1.06 per barrel, south Lima and Indiana crude at \$1.01 and the Pennsylvania production at \$1.45.

The advantage of the several recent advances in the price of crude oil to local trade cannot be over-estimated. The benefits will be far-reaching and will be felt more or less in all branches of business.

The market quotations are now as follows:

Ohio oil	\$1.60
Pennsylvania oil	1.45
Somerset oil	.99
Corning oil	1.25

New Castle oil	1.30
North Lima oil	1.06
South Lima oil	1.01
Indiana oil	1.01

Runs and Shipments.

National Transit Co.—	
Runs	16,861.93
Shipments	13,362.86

S. W. Penna Pipe Lines—	
Runs	9,723.89
Shipments	1,850.25

Bureau P. L. Co.—	
Runs	37,743.29
Shipments	2,171.40

B. P. L. Co.—Macksburg oil—	
Runs	12,956.08
Shipments	None.

B. P. L. Co.—Lima oil—	
Runs	34,174.60
Shipments	41,399.33

Indiana P. L. Co.—	
Runs	18,370.88
Shipments	35,894.56

N. Y. Transit Co.—	
Shipments	13,678.41

Southern P. L. Co.—	
Shipments	45,009.34

Crescent P. L. Co.—	
Shipments	18,560.18

Cumberland P. L. Co.—	
Runs	145.38

Since the work on the Western Ohio railway reached the corner of Court street and Main avenue, rapid progress has been made. If the weather continues favorable, the northern limit of the city will soon be reached. The track is being put down between Botkins and Anna and the heavy work of grading required between Sidney and Swanders, is moving forward at a very satisfactory rate. The Ashton Bros. condemnation case near Piqua was disposed of last week in the Miami county court and there is now no further obstruction between Sidney and Piqua. Unless the weather is more unfavorable than usual, cars will be run between Piqua and Sidney by the first of February.—Sidney News.

RALSTON HEALTH SHOES FOR MEN ARE WATER-PROOF. MICHAELS.

It will be good news to the many friends of ex-sheriff Bogart, of Columbus Grove, to learn that he is recovering nicely from the accident which happened to him a week ago. Serious internal injuries were forced as the result of his fall from a step ladder, but although still suffering considerably, there is no longer any danger for a fatal termination.

The Ladies Aid Society of First Baptist church, will meet at the home of Mrs. James Lewis, 743 south Main street, Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A good attendance is desired.

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## LIE

Didn't Help Callahan Out

## And the Court

Gave Him a Double Dose for Perjury.

Two Prisoners Disposed of During Session of Common Pleas Today.

Red Donahue Pleaded Guilty and Will Spend Several Months Working Out a Fine and Costs at Toledo.

The last two prisoners who have been waiting for several months to learn their fate were disposed of this morning. Daniel Callahan, who was found guilty of stealing a watch from F. L. Meiser, was not dealt with as gently as is the general custom of Judge Cunningham, when a "first timer" appears as the defendant in a small offense, but there was a reason behind it.

Callahan had framed up a nice little story in the hope of shielding himself at the expense of another, but it was so frail that the state had little trouble in tearing it to pieces. Having perjured himself in an attempt to mislead the court and jury, Callahan aggravated his original offense and came in for a double dose. He will go to the penitentiary for two years, while he may have gotten half the time under other circumstances.

A Change of Base.

Red Donahue, who has persistently refused to plead guilty to the theft of the wool stolen from Joseph Bird, at West Cairo, accepted the opportunity of taking on to himself an offense a few doors removed from burglary and larceny with which he was charged in the indictment. He was brought into court for trial this morning, but later pleaded guilty to petty larceny, and was sentenced to the work house for 30 days in addition to \$25 and the costs of prosecution. Donahue has been in jail a matter of six months, or he would no doubt have received a stiffer sentence.

Don't Like His Companions.

Harry G. Gardner, who was sent over from Harrod by Squire Leatherman to spend 10 days in jail for beating his wife, has developed a lovely case of crocodiles, and is fighting all kinds of imaginary monsters in the close confinement of his cell. Gardner had been drinking heavily at the time he abused his wife and as he was put where he couldn't get at the coveted bottle the relaps brought on a genuine case of delirium tremens. He is not in a serious condition and will soon be straightened out.

Pension Day.

The corridors at the court house

Weather—Colder.

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We are coming near to Christmas-time—three weeks from today that great day will be here. When it does come, and even long in advance you will see here a wonderful Holiday Store, a palace of enchantment, filled with things that delight childhood days and perpetuate the traditions of a Christian people. Saturday next will occur our great Holiday Opening, and on that day we will satisfy the wants of thousands of Holiday shoppers. But before we can attempt to show our big line of Holiday goods we must have more room—we are crowded with regular merchandise—but we intend to clear up lots of it today and tomorrow and to this end we will offer many bargain gems.

Today and Tomorrow.

Imperative Need of Room Nerves Our Hand to Prodigious Price-Cutting.

Holiday Clearing Sale.

## Underwear Special.

Cold Facts About Warm Clothes At Red Hot Prices. This Underwear Must Go During This Three Days Holiday Clearing Sale.

Small lot men's natural gray Undershirts (no drawers) that are soiled, yes quite badly soiled, but they're warm and will wash, regular price was 25c and 30c, this Clearing Sale price is 10c each.

Children's Eern and natural gray ribbed union suits, small and medium size regular price 25c, for this Clearing Sale at 15c each.

Special lot ladies all wool Scarlet Vests and Pants splendid quality, worth \$1.00 and \$1.25, for this 3 days Clearance Sale at 75c each.

Boys' heavy natural gray ribbed union Suits equal to many offered at \$1.00, this Holiday Clearing Sale, price 80c each.

Children's heavy fleece lined vests and pants, very warm, excellent quality, special at 25c and 35c each.

Boys' heavy fleece lined Shirts and Drawers, all sizes, worth 80c at 25c each.

## Dress Goods Special.

This Department Must Be Condensed To Make Room For Holiday Stock And These Prices Will Dispose Of Large Quantities.

55 inch heavy wool crash suitings, three excellent colors, regular price \$1.00, for this Clearing Sale at 60c the yard.

54 inch all wool covert suitings, regular price 75c, Holiday Clearing Sale price, 59c the yard.

27 inch heavy all wool skirting, desirable dark colors, regular price 50c at 35c the yard.

Handsome imported all wool challie, all good styles, regular price 50c, for this Holiday Clearing Sale at 20c the yard.

Very stylish Suitings Hair Mixtures and trime melange in new and desirable colorings, regular value \$1.50, marked for this 3 days Holiday Clearing Sale at 98c the yard.

Special lot fine wool Dress Goods consisting of Granite, Serge, Mohair, Cashmere, Shark-Skin all in a variety of choice colorings, regular value \$1.00 and \$1.25, for this Holiday Clearing Sale at 75c the yard.

## Embroidery Special.

Special Lot Of Wide And Narrow Hamburg Embroidery, Very Desirable Patterns; Regular Value 10c; Special Price For This Sale 5c A Yard.

## White Goods Special.

New lot of fine White Mercerized Damask for waists, very choice styles and exceptional values at 39c and 50c the yard.

## Percale Special.

Special lot yard wide fine Percales, not the choicest patterns, never shown but excellent quality, regular price 12½c, for this holiday Clearing Sale, 7c the yard.

## Flannelette Special.

50 pieces fine 35 inch Eclipse Flannelettes, all excellent patterns, never sold for less than 15c, marked for this Holiday Clearing Sale at 9½c the yard.

## Gingham Special.

One lot of fine Scotch Plaid Gingham, dark colors, regular value 12 1-2c, for this three days Holiday Clearing Sale at 7 1-2c the yard.

## Glove Special.

The Echo of Economy Rings Through All Departments and is a Warning of Economy and Saving to All Who Hear It—Substantial Savings in the Glove Department.

Fine Glace Kid Gloves, all shades of brown, tan, mode and slate, regular value \$1.00, sale price 50c the pair.

Extra quality ladies' silk lined Gloves, colors and black, worth \$1.25, at 70c the pair.

Special lot ladies' and children's wool Golf Gloves, blue, black and brown, regular price 25c, at 15c the pair.

100 dozen ladies' fine wool Golf Gloves, plain and fancy colors, special value at 50c the pair.

Children's fancy and plain color Golf Gloves, regular value 25c, sale price 15c the pair.

## Blanket Special.

Suggest, Healthiest Blankets—Prices Most Helpful—The Best Blankets in the Wide World Are Gathered Here for Your Benefit and Offered now at Ridiculously Low Prices.

Extra heavy 11-4 Cotton Blankets, white or gray, \$1.00 the pair.

Extra large size fancy Mottled Blankets, brown or blue, worth \$1.50, sale at 90c the pair.

One lot handsome Wool Robe Blankets, very choice colors and patterns, large size, excellent for bath or lounging robe, regular price \$3.00, sale price \$1.50 each.

White Cotton Blankets for single beds, excellent value at 40c the pair.

10 4 white and gray Cotton Blankets, at 50c the pair.

233-235 NORTH MAIN STREET.

## Magnificent Clothing.



Han Schaffner & Marx  
Hand Tailored

Rather a strong word with which to describe our Suits and Overcoats, but nothing more mild will cover the territory or do our new Winter Clothing justice. It doesn't matter what shape or size, or kind of a man you are, if you're a Suit or Overcoat seeker you'll find what you're looking for here.

The styles that are just out.  
The colors that are just seen.  
The materials that are just right.  
Prices \$5.00 to \$25.00.

## Holiday Shoppers.

Christmas is not far away and everybody is thinking of what to give—to whom—and how best to do it—and it is by answering such questions aptly and satisfactorily that makes this such a popular store. It is wise to buy early and not defer buying until just before the day. Call and see our fine line of Holiday Goods and it will make the task easy for you. Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes, Mufflers, Gloves, Hosiery, Umbrellas, Neckwear, Suspenders, Etc., Etc.

"COITA" the newest hat has just arrived at

217 North Main Street.

Lima, O.

MORRIS BROS.

have been filled with the old veterans or their widows from early this morning and the deputies have given their entire attention to the signing of vouchers. No new cases were filed in the clerk's office and but little business transacted by the Probate Judge or his assistants.

Real Estate Transfers.  
Hiram Waltz to N. W. Cunningham, lots 282 and 283, A. G. Kibler's first addition to Bluffton, \$500.  
Wm. C. Webb to Jasper N. Purdy, 40 acres in Amanda township, \$2600.

## PATIENT

Sufferer Finds Relief in Death.

Levi Rouscouple, of Perry township, one of the pioneers of the county, died last night from the effects of a stroke of paralysis which he received more than two years ago. Since then he has been practically helpless and another stroke following brought about the only relief that he could hope for. The deceased leaves a wife and two sons. One of the latter is a member of the regular army and is now at San Francisco, and the other son makes his home on the farm where his father died.

## REGISTER

A Kick Against Fraternal Insurance Co.

Delphos People Engage Counsel and Want the Receiver Removed.

Fraternal Fire Insurance, which had its birth in Delphos, is becoming a thing the once policy holders will be highly pleased to hear of when the closing of the pages of the receivership has been made, says the Delphos Herald.

The several sieges of court procedure has developed that the members (2) who have anything in this material world must pay up for those who have not. (This is an experience in Socialism.) Divide with ye brethren.

The Fraternal was a good thing (2) and it has been learned by experience that it has been a mighty tough thing to get disconnected from. November 18th, receiver Haughman sent to a long list of persons in Delphos, a notice of another assessment.

The system he has for arriving at the amount of assessments has been questioned by a number of Delphos people. He has no two amounts alike.

In comparing the notices it is evident there was no regular rate used and it seems, persons having small amounts of insurance are assessed larger amounts than persons holding policies to larger denominations.

A number of persons interested assembled in the Mayor's Court room Tuesday evening and it was decided to employ an attorney to ascertain in what way to proceed for the removal of the receiver and also endeavor to have the business closed as they were becoming sick and tired of such an unfair process.

NEW PADS IN JUVENILE SUITS AT MICHAELS.

## SPORTS.

Springfield will play the Champion Iron company basketball team at Kenton tomorrow evening, and some idea of the strength of the latter aggregation can be gathered from the score. Kenton is confident of being able to take Springfield's measure, but the proposition may not be as simple as predicted.

The Auroras club will give another of their dances this evening at Music Hall. Music by Oscar Frey's orchestra. A good time and large attendance is expected.

## HUNTERS

Return Home from Wisconsin Wilds.

The party of Marion township and Elida hunters, consisting of Willis Mc Bride, Curtis Leist, Leroy Leist, Henry Gallaspie, Frank Neely, W. C. Baxter, Isaac Burkholder, David Ditto, John Thompson, Ted Foust, Wm. Ditto, Senator S. D. Crites and Chas. Sawmiller, arrived home yesterday, from a four weeks' hunt in Wisconsin. The gentlemen chartered a car and were joined at Van Wert and Convey by other parties.

The weather, during their first two weeks stay in the wilds of Wisconsin, was rather disagreeable, but the last two weeks was favorable, but was too cold to make hunting a pleasure. The entire party succeeded in killing thirty one deer, nineteen of which were secured by the Marion township and Elida parties. The gentlemen are all feeling splendid over their trip.—Delphos Herald.

"SANTA CLAUS AT HOME." HOLIDAY OPENING OF COON'S & CO.'S 5 AND 10 CENT STORE, SATURDAY, Thursday.